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Godoy, Jose F. *Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico.* Pp. xii, 253. Price, \$2.00. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1910.

At a time when so many misstatements are being circulated with reference to Mexico it is a relief to read a book which is written with a due sense of proportion. Everyone who has had an opportunity to study economic and social conditions in Mexico has been impressed with the enormous difficulties confronting the country owing to the fact that at least ninety per cent of the population is Indian, and that the present government has fallen heir to the results of the long period of neglect and oppression which characterized the Spanish colonial system. Anyone who has given serious study to the administration of public affairs in Mexico during the last twenty-five years cannot help but be impressed not only with the economic advance of the country, but with the great effort that has been made with limited resources to raise the level of the mass of the population. In a country covering so large an area, sparsely settled, and with a population in which the desire for education must be inculcated, it is a matter of surprise to everyone how much has been done.

The value of Mr. Godoy's book is in the dispassionate presentation of the record of accomplishment. It is a matter of special importance that we in the United States should realize clearly that the conditions so sensationalized set forth in newspapers and magazines are not characteristic of Mexico as a whole; just as the existence of peonage in the southern states is no true indication of social conditions in the United States. This work will contribute in no small measure toward overcoming the unfavorable comments on Mexican conditions which have recently been so numerous and widespread.

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Hall, T. C. *Social Solutions in the Light of Christian Ethics.* Pp. 390. Price, \$1.50. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1910.

Without regard to confessional interests no student of society can afford to be ignorant of the social teachings of Jesus and Paul. It is therefore a matter of congratulation that Professor Hall voluntarily becomes the teacher of a wider group than those fortunate enough to sit under his personal instruction. As the author points out, "the various chapters divide themselves readily into three groups: those dealing with a transformation of society with the emphasis on the individual; those dealing with an equally radical transformation of society with the emphasis on the group; then follow chapters upon schemes for social amelioration without radical departure from the present social order."

In the whole discussion the effort is made accurately to present the "ethical outlook of Jesus and Paul" and then to interpret in the midst of twentieth century conditions and problems the logical attitude of "the Chris-